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| For: | CONTROL SYSTEM FOR NETWORK SERVERS |) |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the enclosed application entitled "Control System for Network Servers".

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before the first paragraph on page 1, please insert

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to GB Application No. 0006097.0 filed 15 March 2000.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 2, before line 6 insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 3, before line 24, add the following header:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 3, line 27, change "wit" to --with--.

Page 4, line 2, delete second "."

Page 4, before line 3, insert the following header:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--

Page 4, line 24 after "conventional" insert --Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol--

Page 7 after the last line add the following:

--While the invention has been described with a certain degree of particularity, it is manifest that many changes may be made in the details of construction and the arrangement of components without departing from the spirit and scope of this disclosure. It is understood that the invention is not limited to the embodiments set forth herein for purposes of exemplification, but is to be limited only by the scope of the attached claim or claims, including the full range of equivalency to which each element thereof is entitled.--

In the claims

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A system for the generation and transmission of data to a number of items of electrical apparatus, said system comprising a network [(2)] to which a number of servers are connected, said servers controlled to issue data for distribution through the network to the number of items of electrical apparatus and, on the basis of the data, said electrical items adopt an operating configuration [characterised in that] wherein said system further includes memory means which is adapted to identify when

incorrect data is issued by [a server or] at least one of said servers and identify the server(s) from which the data is issued.

2. (Amended) A system according to claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein each of [the] said items of electrical apparatus is a broadcast data receiver.

3. (Amended) A system according to claim 2 [characterised in that] wherein each broadcast data receiver in [the] said system is provided with memory means.

4. (Amended) A system according to claim 3 [characterised in that] wherein when incorrect data is issued by [a] at least one of said servers a signal is generated by [the] said system identifying the server issuing the incorrect data and sent to [the] said broadcast data receivers for storage in said memory means.

5. (Amended) A system according to claim 4 [characterised in that] wherein if a receiver is sent data from [a] at least one of said servers which is identified in said memory means, the receiver declines to accept said data.

6. A system according to claim 5 [characterised in that] wherein if a receiver declines to accept data from a particular server in [the] said network [(2)], the receiver searches for data from another server in [the] said network.

7. A system according to claim 4 [characterised in that] wherein when [the] a receiver identifies data from a particular server as being incorrect, a signal is generated by [the] said system and transmitted around [the] said network such that [the] said memory means in each of the receivers has data which identifies the particular server.

8. A system according to claim 4 [characterised in that] wherein the signal informing [the] said broadcast data receiver of incorrect data being sent from a server is issued from a further server of [the] said system.

9. A system according to claim 5 [characterised in that] wherein when the server issuing incorrect data is corrected to issue correct data, a signal is generated by [the] said system for receipt by the receivers to clear the server details from [the] said memory means.


REMARKS

The application should now be in condition for examination, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted

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